

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

On October 24, 2007, the Examiner contacted Applicant's attorney, Robert de Leon, by telephone and indicated that the subject application would be allowable if the following amendments to the application were entered:

- Amending independent claim 13 to include the limitations of dependent claim 14, and canceling claim 14.
- Amending independent claim 21 to include the limitations of dependent claim 23, and canceling claim 23.
- Amending independent claim 41 to include the limitations of dependent claim 42, and canceling claim 42.
- Amending independent claim 49 to include the limitations of dependent claim 51, and canceling claim 51.
- Canceling independent claims 20, 48, 58, 59 and 60, as well as dependent claims 61 and 62.
- Amending claims 30, 35, 37, 41, 49, 52, 53, 55 and 56 to read "computer-readable medium" rather than "computer-usable medium."

Applicants thank the Examiner for these suggestions, all of which have been incorporated into the present amendment. Applicants respectfully note that four additional amendments are also included in the present amendment. Specifically:

- Dependent claim 16 has been re-written in independent form to incorporate the limitations of independent claim 13 (as presented prior to the present amendment).
- Dependent claim 44 has been re-written in independent form to incorporate the limitations of independent claim 41 (as presented prior to the present amendment).

- Independent claim 53 has been amended to correct an inadvertent typographical error (a misplaced period).
- Independent claim 57 has also been amended to correct an inadvertent typographical error (a repeated “and”).

Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments to independent claims 16 and 44 are necessary in order to avoid a potential conflict between the sub-steps of step “a” respectively required by independent claims 13 and 41 as amended, and the sub-steps of step “a” required by each of claims 16 and 44. Applicants respectfully submit that by incorporating the limitations of independent claims 13 and 41 into dependent claims 16 and 44, respectively, the resulting independent claims are allowable over the previously cited art.

Applicants respectfully submit that all remaining claims are in condition for allowance. In the course of the foregoing discussions, Applicants may have at times referred to claim limitations in shorthand fashion, or may have focused on a particular claim element. This discussion should not be interpreted to mean that the other limitations can be ignored or dismissed. The claims must be viewed as a whole, and each limitation of the claims must be considered when determining the patentability of the claims. Moreover, it should be understood that there may be other distinctions between the claims and the cited art which have yet to be raised, but which may be raised in the future.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. It is believed that no extensions of time or fees are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required (including

Appl. No. 09/392,170
2nd Supp. Amdt. dated October 30, 2007
Reply to Office Action of February 7, 2007

fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Hewlett-Packard Development Company's Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

Respectfully submitted,

/Roberto de Leon/

Roberto de Leon
PTO Reg. No. 58,967
CONLEY ROSE, P.C.
(713) 238-8000 (Phone)
(713) 238-8008 (Fax)
ATTORNEY FOR APPLICANTS

HEWLETT-PACKARD COMPANY
Intellectual Property Administration
Legal Dept., M/S 35
P.O. Box 272400
Fort Collins, CO 80527-2400